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Some Special News.

Mattings, Mattings.

Than. Ever.

13.2. When the Kearsurge and the Kentucky had their twin Jamp, was estimated at 39,000. The next oliggest crowd was here when the Korea, the manmoth further mail liner, was launched. That crowd was about 25,000. But this will be "Virginia Day," and State pride, if I had no ligures to backstand me, would drive me to put my estimate at not less than 45,000.

The Virginia.

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The mighty battleship which has been med for the Old Dominion will be near-to completion at faunching than any battleship that has ever been built in secondary. As she sets upon the ways a wanting it he word "go" and the ashing of the bettle of champagne in face she looks nearer like a full way battleship than most of her kind. It is a full way battleship than most of her kind, with months after they have gone into water.

The belt will be even inches thick at the top and eight inches thick at the bottom. The maximum thickness will be preserved for a more will taper at the stem and stern to a thickness of four inches. The armor will taper at the stem and stern mor on the superposed Hichborn balanced oval turrets, with inclined port plates, will be twelve laches thick on the side and six inches thick on the rear.

Fighting Capacity.

grown battleship than most of her kindlook in months after they have gone into
the water.

Not only the captain's bridges but the
military masts will be in position and
the vessel will stand nearly sixty per
cent, complete on the records of the Buread of Construction and Repair of the
Navy Department. Ships usually are
munched before they are half done, but
the Newport News yard has places for
six ships at a time and there seldom is
any necessity for hurrying a ship overboard. Work can be done with more facillty while the hull remains on the ways.
DIMENSIONS AND POWER.

A description of the Virginia has appeared in The Times-Dispatch before,
but it may be well enough to tell about
her dimensions and power again.

Length on load water line, 435 feet,
beam (extreme), 75 feet 2.1-2 lanches; draft
on normal displacement of 14,987 tone,
23 feet 9 inches; designed Indicated horse
power, 12,000; speed, 19 knots an hourcomplement of officers, 49; complement
of seamen, marines, etc., 772.

The vessel will be propelled by two sets
of vertical, inverted, triple expansion,
direct acting engines, designed for 19,000
collective horse power, at 120 revolutions
per minute. Each, graine will be placed
in a separate will grain will be placed
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boilers and two 66 inches in diameter, by
48 inches struke of piston.

Steam at 259 pounds pressure will be
supplied from twenty-four water tube
boilers will be arranged in six watertight compartments. The total grate

bollers will be arranged in six

POCAHONTAS AT THE LAUNCHING

This steamer, with large deck-carrying passenger capacity, will make special trip to the launching of the battleship "Virginia," at Newnort News ship-yards

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Leave Richmond Monday morning, April 4th, 7 A, M. Leave Norfolk Tuesder, April 5th, at 16:39 A, M., view launching and arrive Richmond same day.

Fare, \$2. Leave Newport News passenger pler Tuesday, 5th, about noon, view launching and land passengers at ship-yards, Fare,

ing and proceed to Richmond, passing in view Jamestown, Brandon, Westover Shirley and the many other points of in-terest, Fare \$1.

The T.-D. WANT AD, page is the mar-ket place in which all Virginia meets to

Qualities and Prices Better

Give Us a Look.

ne, for regular 15c, quality, 12 1-2c, for regular 17c, quality, 16c, for regular 25c, quality, 19c, for regular 35c, quality,

surface of the twenty-four boilers will be 1,420 square feet, and the total heating surface will be 57,534 square feet. The smokestacks will be three in number, standing fore and aft. How Protected. The Virginia will be protected by an armor best extending five feet below and three feet above the normal load line, from stem to siern. The best will be eleven inches thick at the top and eight to the table with the best on.

Fighting Capacity.

The Virginia will have the most powerful battery ever placed upon an American warship. She will have the superposed turret arrangement for eight guns of her main battery. The only other ships in the navy now fitted out with similar turrets are the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky. Among naval experts there has been much discussion as to the value of this arrangement of guns. Those who favor the superposed turret point to the obvious advantage of concentrated fire and ease in handling a single turret, as opposed to the handling of individual turrets. The opponents say it is putting too many eggs in a single basket, and that injury to a single turret would put four big guns out of the ac-Fighting Capacity.

Batteries and Rifles.

About Newport News.

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And this is the great warship that is to be launched here Tuesday, on which occasion thousands of people will find out more about Newport News that they ever knew or dreamed of before.

Away back yonder, "'fo' de war,"—and a long time before, Collis P. Huntington was peddling clocks in this part of Virginia, and to some farmers he bnd been dealing with right here, he said: "Some day there will be a great city here where that magnificent James River empties into Hampton Roads. It will be the terminus of great railronds, and a harbor to which trading vessels from all the world will come to unload and to load agair." The farmers laughed at the clock peddler and said he was a dreaming fool.

The Peddler's Prophecy.

In after years Collis P. Huntington be-came the president of the Chesapeake and Onio Ralroad. He wanted to get to deeper, water than he found at Rich-mond. He remembered the jut of land at the mouth of the James, and came

VIRGINIA DAY AT NEWPORT NEWS TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH.

** Excursione Via C. & O.

**Trains leave Richmond S.15 A. M. S.20

**A. M., \$1.55 A. M. and \$1.45 A. M. Quick run without stops. Leave Newport News 4500 P. M., \$1.30 P. M., \$5.00 P. M. and \$6.30 P. M.

Rate \$1.50 round trip.

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**Trains leave Richmond S.15 A. M. S.20 to every part of the world, and hore will see built great ships to ride the waters and carry produce and merchandise to the four quarters of the globe." Again bis hearers laughed and said Huntington was a crank; he was a dreamer; but Huntington dreamed on and he not only dreamed, but he went to work. He brought the Chesapeake and Ohlo road here; he boult the manmoth elevators. BPECIAL TRAIN, ELBA TO ASHLAND,
APRIL 5TH, R., F. & P. R. R.
To accommodate those attending rehearsal for Annual Pestival of the Wednesday Club, a special train will leave Etha Station, if P. M., Tuesday, April Eth, for Ashland. Round reip rate for afternoon trains leaving Ashland April 5th, fifty cents.

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Praffic Manager.

Rent a box in the strong fire and barg. Its proor vanit of The State Bank of Virginia. Charges moderate.

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Excursions Via C. & O.

Milliary and mayal paraces at Newport News. State holicity and unbounded enthusiasm.

1156 round trip, on, Chesapeake and Onto excursions.

The Ship-Yard.

The ship-yard here was established in jast, being chartered by the Legislature and contracted to the setablishment changed to Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. Mr. Huntington was the Dock Company, Mr. Huntington was the !

vious to his death and eyer since. Calvin B. Orcuit has been the president, with headquarters in New York. The other principal executive officers are Walter A. Post, general superintendent; A. L. Hopkins, assistant general superintendent; M. P. Dougherty, superintendent of hulls and construction, James Rowbettom, superintendent machinery department; Charles F. Balley, chief congineer.

Naval Officers.

So much work is done here for the Navy Department of the United States that a corps of naval officers are constantly on duty at the ship-yard. They are: Captain Richard Juch, senior impector of machinery; Captain A. W. Stahl, superintendent haval construction: Lieutenant-Commodore J. T. Newten, inspector of equipment; Lieutenant-Commodore R. O. Hitler, inspector of ordnance; Lieutenant W. Strothers Smith (formerly of Richmond), assistant inspector of machinery; Lieutenant—G. A. Hisset, assistant naval constructor.

In addition to these there is a small army of engineers, ship carpenters, able seamen, etc.

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Captain Richard Juch, who is the dean of the naval colony, is a man who has seen much service. He has plowed the waters of the known world on Uncle Sam's big flighters. He was with Dewey on the Olympia at Manila, and heard the old Admiral when he said to the captain of the Olympia: "Gridley, you can fire when you are treety."

Other Warships.

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The ship-yards have supplied the United States with some of its most noted war monsters. The battleships built here or being built are the Kearsarge, displacement 11,525 tons, launched March 21, 1893, commissioned February 20, 1990; Kentucky 11,525 tons, launched March 24, 1898, commissioned May 15, 1990; Illinois, 11,575 tons, launched October 4, 1898, commissioned, September 16, 1901; Missouri, 12,500 tons, launched December 29, 1901, commissioned December 1,17003, and the following now being built: Virginia, 15,090 tons; Louislana, 16,000 tons; Minnessota, 15,000 tons.

600 tons; Louislana, 16,000 tons, Manuscia, 16,000 tons,
The armored cruisers being built are
the Maryland, 13,400 tons, and the West
Virginia 13,400. Other warships built and
being built here are the protected cruiser
Charleston, the monitor Arkansas, and
the gunboats Wilmington, Helena and
Mashville.

Nashville.

It will be remembered that the Nash-ville was first member of the American fleet to capture a Spanish prize in the Spanish-American war.

Ships of Commerce.

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Noted ships for the peaceful pursuits of commerce that have been built at these yards are the Korea and Sheria, for the Pacific steamship and mail line. The ships are now salling between San Francisco and Chinese ports, and are the biggost vessels of their kind ever built in this country. Other well known ships built here are: Comus, Proteus, El Valle, El Dia, El Sigle, El Alba Monroc, Francis H. Leggett, El Nio, El Cid, Newport News, La Grande Duchess, Crode, Margaret, El Sud and El Norte.

A large number of smaller craft might be mentioned, and in addition to all these the company has rebuilt the North German Lloyd steamer "Main," which was destroyed by fire; converted two steamers "Creole" into the hospital ship "Solace," besides converting other vessels into auxiliary cruisers and transports and carrying on repair work on an extensive scale. Durling the year 1806 more than 50) vessels were repaired by the company. sels were repaired by the company.

But to Return.

But let me get back to Virginia day.

The Virginia will be named by Miss Matilda Gay Montague, the thirteenyear-old daughter of Governor Andrew Jackson Montague, who was invited by the Navy Department to smash tife traditional bottle of wine over the bow of the ship which is to bear the historic name of the Old Dominion. Some persons suggested that Miss Montague was too young to entrust with such an important task. It was pointed out that sallers are a superstitious lot, and that if the little girl falled to smush the bottle of wine properly, the old tars would look upon the ship as a "hoodoo," and would shun her. The wise ones also shook their heads and said such a slip of a girl probably would get rattled and would make a botch of the whole affair.

Some Back History.

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History, however, does not bear them out, for two of the prettiest launchings ever held here were when girls as young as Miss Montague acted as sponsors. One of the first ships which went overboard at the shipyard was christened by Miss Emma Rowbottom, the small daughter of the foreman of the machine shops, and the protected cruiser Charleston, launched in January of this year, was named by Miss Rhett, daughter of Mayor Rheit, of Charleston, S. C. She was only fourteen years old. Neither of those little ladies lost their nerve at the crucial moment, and Miss Jahett dashed the champagne bottle against the side of the Charleston with sufficient vigor to smash a whole case of wine. The only launching here in which a sponsor failed to smash the bottle, on the first trial was in the case of the only ship which stuck on the ways here. Miss Jennie Scott Waters, of Baltimore, was the sponsor. As she named the ship she threw the bottle against the cruiser's bow, but not with sufficient force to break the glass. President Orcutt quickly caught the bottle, and the second time it was thrown the Maryland was far enough away for the bottle to break of its own momentum.

The Temparance Eolks

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As a matter of course the shippard authorities have received the usual number of appeals from temperance folks and advocates of prohibition, praying that a purposes. The stereotyped and polite re-ply has been that custom demands wine

SPECIALLY LOW ROUND TRIP RATES OFFERED BY THE SEABOARD

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AIR LINE RAILWAY.

529,50-Richmond, Va., to Jacksonville, Fin., and return, account meeting linterstate Sugar Cane Growers' Association;" tickets on sale May 2d and 2d, good returning until May 8, 1994.

429,75-Richmond, Va., to New Orleans, La., and return on account "Southern Good Roads Association," April 6th-7th, tickets on sale April 4th and 5th; good returning April 9, 1904.

329,70-Richmond, Va., to Carthage, Mo., and return, account Annual Meeting German Baptist Brethren, May 19th-27th, tickets on sale May 17th to 24th, inclusive, good returning May 20th; can be extended until June 39th by depositing same and payment of fifty sents.

\$59,65-Richmond, Va., to Dallas, Texas, and return on account "General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church," May 19th-27th, lickets on sale May 15th to 18th, inclusive, good, returning May 1, 1994.

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Rates given above are from Richmond; ome reduction from other points on the caboard. Information in regard to the

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THE COHEN

Other Fun.

Directly after the launching a parado will be held. Many of the State troops-

Fortress Monroe, the naval apprentices from the receiving ship Franklin, the local fire and police departments and many civic organizations will participate. The parade will be reviewed by Governor Montague and his staff, many of the distinguished guests, and the local Mayor and City Council. A stand for the reviewing party is being built at the corner of Washington Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street.

ner of Washington Avenue ninth Street.

The uniformed organizations taking part in the parade will be entertained at the Casino, and, in order to relieve the hotels and boarding houses, the churches of the city have been granted permits to open lunch stands in various places.

FRANK S. WOODSON.

Marshall Ward.

Jefferson Ward. Board-One vacancy: J. B. Wood;

procession.

Council—Morgan R. Mills, John J. A. N. Allen, C. H. Wiltshire F. B. Williams, Phil. Shen, W. R. Cavedo.

Madison Ward. Board-One vacancy: Otway S. Allen

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Counc'l-H. C. Glenn, Julius A. Hobson,
Robert Le Masurier, John T, West, G. K.
Pallock, John Teefey, M. F. Whalen, Josoph Wallerstein, Charles U. Williams,

Monroe Ward.

Aldermen.-Two vacancies; R. G. Ren-nolds, H. P. Beck, James Baher, Council.-E. H. Spence, Henry Grim-mell A. S. Baker, James Cannon, Jr. Henry Ward.

Board-Three vacancies: Reuben Bur Council—R. L. Peters, H. W. Stein, T. B. Hicks, Harry Huber, E. M. Roscher, Clay Ward.

Lee Ward.

Board-One vacancy; R. T. Davis; no opposition.

Council—C. L. Batkins, T. H. Ellett,
W. W. Morton, H. R. Pollard, Jr.

RUSH FOR PARKER

he Western States, upon whom the Dem- whether it had been rest for the country could agree. Had that the South had been overthrown, and

not the Republicans been so insistent upon the nomination of a Southern man by the Democrats, perhaps the Democratic press would have looked with greater kindness upon the proposition. But as old Plistratus "reared the Greeks when they came bearing sifts," so the Democrats doubted the wisdom and the sincerity of the kindly advice of the Jepublicans, as to the manner of man they should nominate to beat Air, Roosevelt. There have been but three Southern men given serious consideration as presidential candidates, Senator Daniel, of Virginia; Senator Balley, of Texas, and Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi. Each of the three has discouraged the discussion of his name in connection with the nomination, and squae of the best jokes Mr. Williams has nade this session have been at the expense of himself as a canadate for the presidency.

Williams's Fine Service.

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But it is simple justice to say that the wisdom which Mr. Williams has displayed as the leader of the Democrats of the House, his skill in unmasking the weak spots of the Republican administration and his ability in holding the minority together and hurling it at every opportunity upon the majority phalans; the manner in which he has brought to the attention of the country the corruption of the various departments of this government, and forced the Republicans go on record against every attempt to have the evils and maladinistration under Republican rule brought to light, have made many men in the Democratic party believe that a southern man could be elected to the White House and have caused them to regard Williams as the man.

Though the South has not taken to the

Though the South has not taken to the proposition to nominate a southern man for the highest office in the gift of the people, there is a distinct compliment to that section in the suggestion.

which was in the early days of the republic as strong in the States of the North as it was in the Southern States—the principle of State sovereignty. It was the North which gave up this doctrine and forced the South at the point of the bayone to acknowledge the supremacy of the nation over the States.

Southern Honor. I remember reading in an old magazine years ago an article by Elihu Burritt, "The Learned Blacksmith," who was then, I think, American consul at a city in England. The article was written in England. The article was written some time during the second administration of President Grant, when the Beiknap frauds, land steals, liquor steals, stealing from the Indians and every other kind of "graft," though the word was not yet invented, was being discovered at Washington. Burritt was writing of this carnival of corruption, and in the course of his article said that he had been an ardent abolitionist all his life, that his father and his grandfather had thought that human slavery was the worst of crimes, and that the people who practiced it were unworthy to hold the reins of government. He frankly acknowledged government. He frankly acknowledged that he had been what the South termed a South hater.

But he admitted that the recent events had set him to thinking. For sixty years, he said, the South controlled the affairs of this government. He spoke of the southern men who came to Congress. They were often shabbily dressed, often they lived far beyond their means, and were hopelessly in debt many of them. were hoplessly in debt; many of them wasted their money at the card table and on the race track, set no man had ever dared to offer a southern congressman a

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Bold Prediction.

the United States. The South is the only really American section of this country, if one or two of the States of New England be excepted, and its unbroken history has been one of conservatism in politics and absolute honesty in the administration of government. And all this talk, though it does not mean that a southern man will be nominated this year is a sure foreunner of the time

OUR RELIGIOUS CONTEMPORARIES

Presbyterian

The Easter Message.

And because of materialism in its many and subtle forms, even the nature of the Easter message is at times questioned, but the very doubt and question are high proofs of the everlasting need and value of that message.

Strike the Easter message out of the world's knowledge to-day, and it would be hard for us to realize the result; the blackness and darkness and hopelessness and aimlessness that would follow. And certainly it would leave the poor remainder of Christianity—If there was any remainder, however poor—a blind leader of the blind.

In the face of materialism and its pos-

leigh Advocate.

Christian Hospitality.

Hospitality belongs to the bright chain of Christian virtues. We have never heard of a Presbyterian church session or a Methodist closs lender asking a man whether he obeyed the injunction of the apostle. "Be ye courtcous," or whether he was, as the Bible directs, "given to hospitality." But suppose that be taken up for inquiry among professing Christians, for the reason that if these things be wanting they are losing so much of

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